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FOR DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

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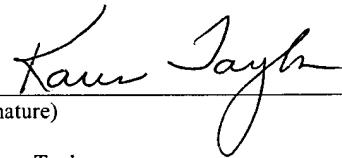
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Copies of the two cited references are attached. These same two references were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed by us on March 29, 2004, but copies were not available at that time.

These two references are not believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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